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FROM OASD: PA

SUBJ: PROPOSED BRIEFING (FACT SHEET) ON JCRC

REF: A. COMUSSAG 160745 Z APR 73 (CINCPAC 180130 Z APR 73). B.

CINCPAC 212340 Z APR 73. C. MACTHAI 180730 Z APR 73

CONCUR IN RELEASE OF INFORMATION IN REF B AND C.

BECAUSE OF ALMOST DAILY CHANGES AND TO AVOID A CONTINUING STAT-
ISTICAL UPDATE REQUIREMENT NUMBERS OF MEN BY CATEGORY, SERVICE, OR
COUNTRY WILL BE ROUNDED OFF AND USED IN APPROXIMATE TERMS WHEN
ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY. SAME APPLIES TO CRASH SITE STATISTICS BY
COUNTRY. ONE EXAMPLE OF THE PROBLEMS TO BE ENCOUNTERED WHEN

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DEALING WITH ACTUAL NUMBERS IS THE FACT THAT THE MIA/ BNR BY- SERVICE

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FIGURES DIFFER IN ALL THREE REFERENCES. SUGGEST USAGE SIMILAR TO REFERENCE A.

KEEPING IN MIND THAT MIA STATISTICS INCLUDE MEN PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS MISSING AS RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION, MISSING NOT RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION AND SOME FORMERLY LISTED AS CAPTURED/ INTERNED, RECOMMEND FACT SHEETS AND BRIEFINGS ON THIS SUBJECT ATTEMPT TO SEPARATE THE MIA STATISTICS FROM BNR WHENEVER POSSIBLE. AMONG OTHER THINGS THIS WILL FACILITATE FUTURE ACCEPTANCE OF STATUS CHANGES.

STATE REQUESTS AND DOD CONCURS IN FOLLOWING CHANGES TO REF B:

2 D PARA - THE JCRC IS AN OUTGROWTH OF USG EFFORTS...

- ONNN 15 FEB 1973, WITH APPROVAL OF THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT, THE JCRC RELOCATED...

... ALL THE AREAS IN WHICH AMERICAN PERSONNEL WERE LOST.

3 D PARA - THE ENTIRE OPERATION IS PEACEFUL, OPEN, AND HUMANITARIAN IN NATURE.

6 TH PARA - SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

IN PLANNING FOR OUR FIELD OPERATIONS WE USE THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS:

A. ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WILL MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT

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TO MIAS AND DEAD ASSUMED UNDER THE VIETNAM AND 1 AO AGREEMENTS AND WILL MUTUALLY ASSIST IN THE RESOLUTION OF SUCH CASES.

B. JCRC OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA WILL BE EXEMPT FROM ANY IMPOSED STRENGTH CEILING.

C. CONDITIONS FOR COORDINATION WITH PERSONNEL IN COUNTRIES CONCERNED WILL BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENTS.

D. COORDINATION OF IN-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH CINCPAC SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES OR DESIGNATED AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICERS.

E. ACCESS TO ALL PERTINENT AREAS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUGHT TO ALLOW JCRC TEAMS TO CONDUCT CASUALTY RESOLUTION OPERATIONS.

DELETE 7 TH AND 8 TH PARAS AND CONTINUE BRIEFING WITH 9 TH PARA. (IN SAIGON, THE JCRC HAS ...)

14 TH PARA - ... ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS IN AN EFFORT...

16 TH PARA - SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL WILL BE USED BECAUSE... (DELETE LARGELY).

17 TH PARA - ... SATTAHIP IN SOUTHEASTERN THAILAND, ABOUT 80
MILES FROM BANGKOK IS UNDER...

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